

황인대 골화증에 의한 흉추간 협착증

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= Abstract =

Thoracic Stenosis Secondary to Ossification of the Ligamentum Flavum

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The thoracic portion of the spinal cord is susceptible to compression by hypertrophic ossification of the spinal ligament in the thoracic spinal canal. Unlike ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament(OPLL) in the cervical spine, however, thoracic myelopathy due to ossification of the ligamentum flavum(OLF) may be overlooked, misdiagnosed, or treated inappropriately. This is mainly because of lack of knowledge of this condition. We therefore describe our experience with 22 cases of thoracic myelopathy secondary to ossification of the ligamentum flavum among 45 cases of thoracic stenosis. The clinical manifestations of this condition and the results of its surgical treatment are described. The most common cause of thoracic stenosis was OLF(48.9%) and the most common symptoms were numbness or tingling in the legs(81.8%) and motor weakness of the lower extremities(72.7%). Radiologically, OLF occurred mainly at intervertebral segments T9 - T10 through T12 - L1(86.2%), the most prevalent site was T11 - T12(31.0%). Most OLF involved multiple intervertebral segments(81.8%) particularly two or three segments(59.1%). Eleven of the 22 patients were also suffering from other ossified conditions such as OPLL(45.5%) at other spinal sites, suggesting that ossification has a common underlying etiology. According to the authors' experience, surgical treatment, particularly laminectomy, was usually successful and outcomes were very promising(excellent, 27.3% ; good, 45.5%). OLF of the thoracic spine is no longer an uncommon condition and the authors believe that early diagnosis and appropriate surgical treatment, before irreversible damage to the spinal cord has occurred, may be the key to better results.

KEY WORDS : Ossification of the ligamentum flavum · Spinal stenosis · Thoracic spine.

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Table 1. Cause of thoracic stenosis

Cause	No. of patients	%
OLF	22	48.9
OLF only	16	
OLF+OPLL	4	
OLF+Hypertrophied facet	1	
OLF+OPLL+Bony spur	1	
Hypertrophied facet	6	13.3
Disc herniation	4	8.9
Bony spur	4	8.9
OPLL	5	11.2
Spondylolisthesis	1	2.2
Congenital stenosis	2	4.4
Hypertrophied facet+Bony spur	1	2.2
Total	45	100

OLF : ossification of the ligamentum flavum

OPLL : ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament

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결 과

1. 성별 및 연령별 분포

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(81.8%) 가 가 16 (72.7%),
가 10 (45.5%)
8 (36.4%) (Table
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Table 2. Age and sex distribution

Age	Male	Female	Total (%)
< 20	-	-	-
20 - 29	1	-	1 (4.5)
30 - 39	-	2	2 (9.1)
40 - 49	6	4	10 (45.5)
50 - 59	4	1	5 (22.7)
60 - 69	2	1	3 (13.7)
>70	1	-	1 (4.5)
Total	14	8	22 (100)

Table 3. Clinical symptoms

Symptoms	No. of cases	%
Motor weakness	16	72.7
Sensory change	18	81.8
Bladder and bowel dysfunction	10	45.5
Back and thoracic pain	8	36.4

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3. 방사선학적 소견

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Table 4. Duration of symptoms

Duration	No. of cases	%
<1yr	9	40.9
1yr - 3yrs	9	40.9
3yr - 5yrs	3	13.7
>5yrs	1	4.5
Total	22	100

yr : year

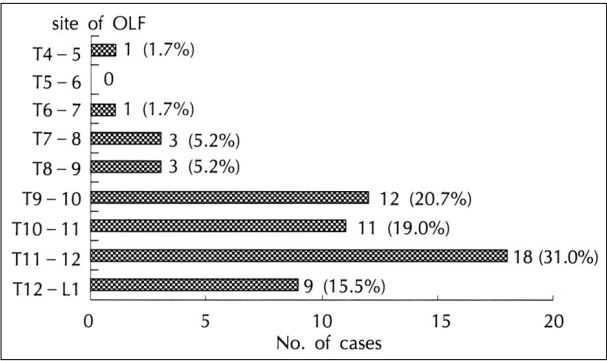


Fig. 1. Site of ossification of the thoracic ligamentum flavum.

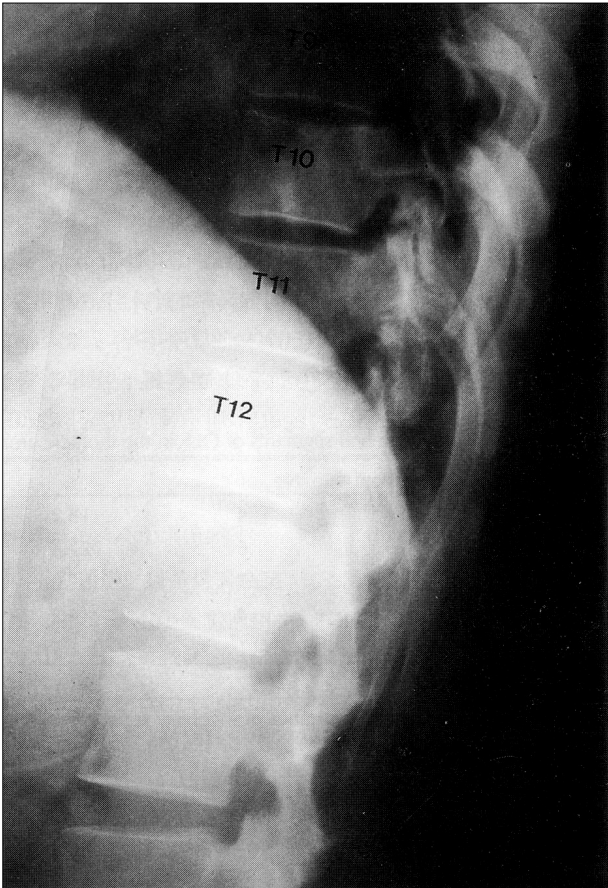


Fig. 2. X-ray film showing ossification of the ligamentum flavum in the lower thoracic spine.

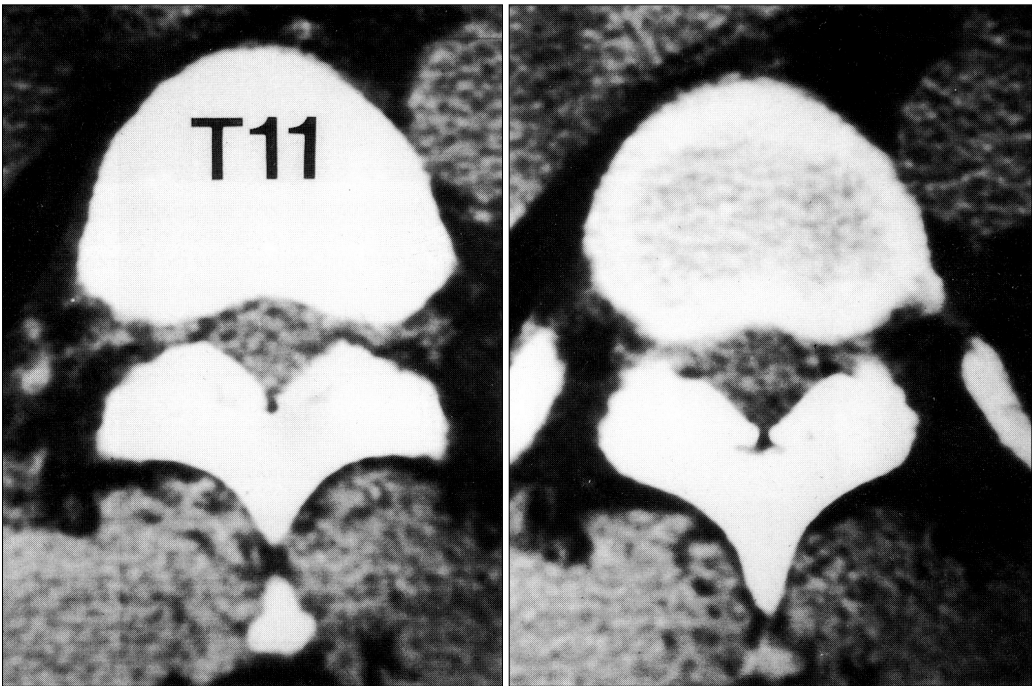


Fig. 3. Axial computerized tomography scan demonstrating ossification of the ligamentum flavum in the spinal canal.

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가 12 (20.7%), T10 - 11 가 11 (19.0%),
T12 - L1 가 9 (15.5%)
86.2%가 (Fig. 1).
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Table 5. Involved vertebral segments of OLF in the thoracic area

No. of vertebral segment	No. of cases	%
1	4	18.2
2	6	27.3
3	7	31.8
4	4	18.2
5	1	4.5
Total	22	100

No. of vertebral segment : number of involved vertebral segment of OLF in the thoracic area

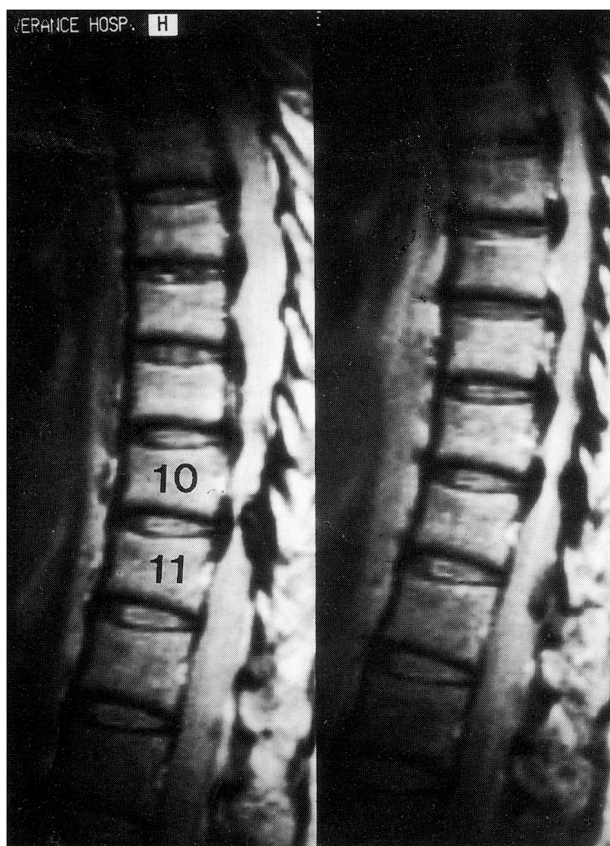


Fig. 4. T2-weighted sagittal MR image showing posterior indentation of the spinal cord and anterior compression of the cord at the level of T10-11.

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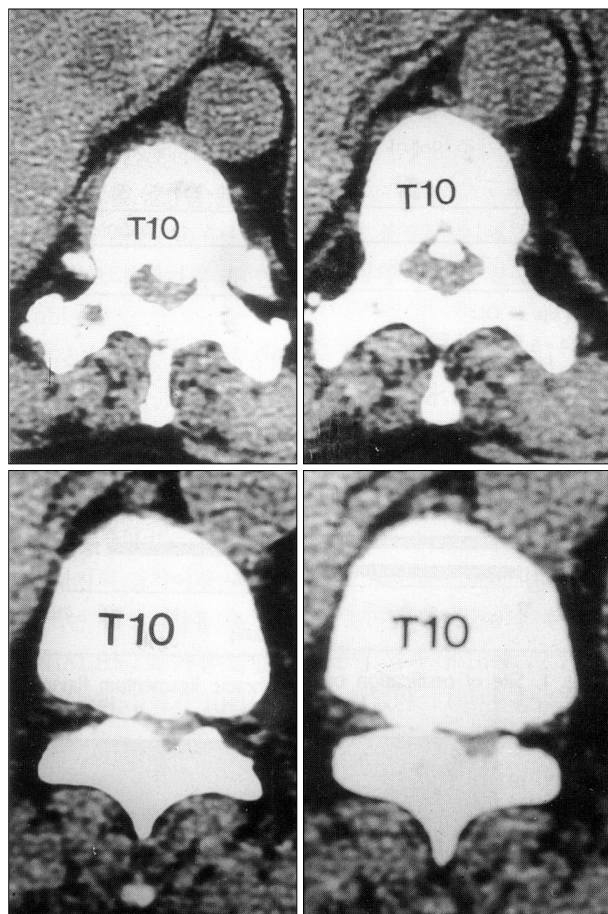


Fig. 5. Axial computerized tomography scan showing the combined lesion of ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament and ossification of the ligamentum flavum.

Table 6. Combined ossified lesion of thoracic OLF patients

Combined ossified lesion	No. of cases	%
None*	11	50.0
OPLL	10	45.5
Cervical	4	
Thoracic	5	
Lumbar	1	
OLF	1	4.5
Cervical	-	
Lumbar	1	
Total	22	100.0

*patients who have only thoracic OLF without any other combined ossified lesion

4. 수술결과 및 합병증

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National Murayama Hospital(Table 7)³³⁾

Excellent가 6 (27.3%), Good 10 (45.5%), Fair가 3 (13.6%), Poor가 3 (13.6%)

가 Excellent Good 16 72.8% (Table 8).

16 12 가 75% 10 6 가 60% 8 44.4% 8 3 37.5% (Table 9).

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Table 7. Classification of results

Evaluation	Criteria
Excellent	Asymptomatic, full activity
Good	Slight spasticity or weakness of legs, return to work
Fair	Mild to moderate spasticity or weakness of legs return to lighter or part-time work
Poor	No improvement
Failed	Worse than before surgery

Table 8. Surgical outcome

Outcome	No. of cases	%
Excellent	6	27.3
Good	10	45.5
Fair	3	13.6
Poor	3	13.6
Failed		0.0
Total	22	100.0

Table 9. Clinical outcome

Symptoms	No. of cases (total/improved)	Improvement rate (%)
Motor weakness	16/22	75.0
Sensory change	18/ 8	44.4
Bladder and bowel dysfunction	10/ 6	60.0
Pain in the back & thoracic area	8/ 3	37.5

Table 10. Relationship between duration of symptoms and surgical outcome

Duration of symptom	No. of cases (total/favorable)	% of favorable outcome
<1 yr	9/8	88.9
1 yr - 3yr	9/7	77.8
>3yr	4/1	25.0

favorable : number of cases with excellent or good outcome

9 8 (88.9%)

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3 4 1 (25.0%) (Table 10).

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